



A
PRACTICAL TREATISE
ON
THE CURE
OF THE
VENEREAL DISEASE,
UPON A PECULIAR PLAN,
NEVER BEFORE ATTEMPTED.

INTENDED FOR THE USE OF THE DELICATE
OF BOTH SEXES.

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"A Man without assurance is liable to be made uneasy by the folly
"or ill-nature of every one he converses with. A Man without
"modesty is lost to all sense of honour and virtue." SPEC.

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THE PREFACE.

THIS Treatise is published upon the presumption that the Plan is laid down in a peculiar manner, different from any that has yet made its appearance before the Public.

It is not written with any view of its coming before the eye of the Medical Profession: the Author would not presume to

put pen upon paper to dictate to their superior understanding: It is principally meant for the advantage of those whose delicacy of mind, and modesty of demeanour, will not permit them to enter into the presence of a Professional Man. He hopes it will be found so clearly laid down, that the unwary of either Sex may, by its assistance, totally eradicate this unpleasant disease, in the generality of its stages, without being under the necessity of exposing themselves to the view of a second person.

The Author asserts, upon his honour, that no part of this Treatise is taken, or in

any way copied from former publications ; it is merely experience, derived from the result of his own practice ; and he sincerely hopes that it will prove, in some degree, useful to those afflicted with the malady.

A second idea that induced the Author to pen this publication is, that it would prevent, in a great measure, the improper method that young people have of treating themselves, before they apply for professional advice. He makes not the least doubt but Practitioners in general have many come for their assistance, who have been for a length of time trying improper applications upon themselves, before they go

for any advice at all, and thereby aggravating the disease, and making it considerably worse than if they had let it entirely alone.

·He hopes that the few words which will be here set down, in a manner that the most illiterate may clearly comprehend, will enable them, by following what is said, to alleviate their complaints instead of aggravating them.

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Introduction.

WHETHER the Venereal Disease may be ranked amongst others to which human nature is subject, or whether it is a disease sent by the Supreme Being as a punishment for the immoral act by which it is obtained, is not in the power of mortal man to decide ; but that such a disease exists, is well known, and that it is far more prevalent than any other disease incident to the human body, is likewise certain.

The whole duty of those whose professions it is to endeavour to alleviate the pains and ailments of others, is to act to the full extent of that confined power which is allowed to them, in eradicating, by the most soothing and most effectual means, the cause of whatever is unnatural to the human frame.

Various Diseases require various remedies, and this disease requires, in an aggravated state, the most sound judgment in its treatment. It cannot possibly be set on the same footing with the generality of diseases, for this special reason; other disorders that the human frame is subject to, with the exception of few, will subside with the aid of a little assistance, sometimes entirely without;—Nature will act for herself:—but in the Venereal Disease no abatement ever takes place: it is a poison of the rankest nature, and another poison must be thrown with a degree of velocity

into the human body, sufficient to overwhelm and destroy that which had in the first instance so formidably taken its seat, which by degrees would have communicated itself to every part of the living subject, and thereby ended in his total destruction.

As there will, in this Treatise, be two distinct subjects written upon, I will confine the first pages to that part which regards the Male Sex.

On the Prevention of the Venereal Disease.

I SHALL here make the necessary observations respecting the attempts that are made in preventing the Venereal Disease. I do certainly agree that, in the first instance of a slight

affection of the urinary passage, perhaps known by a tickling sensation, which is generally the fore-runner of a scalding of water, or a mucous discharge—that, at this period of the disease—a delicate, cautious treatment may prevent further symptoms.—A pill consisting of five grains of Calomel may be taken at bedtime, and on the following morning half an ounce of the Epsom Salts, dissolved in a teacup-full of warm water. Instead of using an injection of white vitriol, which is frequently done at this moment, and causes, by this uncouth manner of proceeding, a virulent Gonorrhœa—Let an Injection be used of milk and water, equal parts (new milk warm), and also an Injection composed of sixteen grains of Sugar of Lead to half a pint of Rose-water; make use of these alternately, each twice a day. This proceeding for a few days will, in many instances, mitigate the symptoms, and prevent a lingering disease,

at the same time all spirituous liquors must be avoided, as well as high-seasoned food, the patient living in every other respect the same as formerly.

To prevent the constitutional affection, which is termed Pox, is totally impossible. When the Female is constitutionally affected, probably, with Venereal Ulcers, the virus is so strongly impelled into the body of the Penis by the act of conveying the Semen into the Female, the external skin of the Penis being of such delicate texture, and so easily ruffled, that every application as yet resorted to, has proved perfectly useless.

On Gonorrhœa.

THE first symptoms of Gonorrhœa, commonly called the Clap, generally begin with a scalding in the Urinary Passage; sometimes it is only painful when the Urine is evacuated; sometimes there is a continual heat: both are indications of this disease. It is well known that the urine often scalds at various other times, merely from excess of drinking and other causes, but most people are aware that the scalding of urine after connection with a Female is generally a symptom of the Gonorrhœa; but when a discharge, of a green, yellow, or white appearance accompanies the scalding, then it is certain that infection has taken place: this may be termed a Confirmed Clap.

Taking it for granted that no other symptoms have yet made their appearance, I will here make an observation on the Treatment these symptoms require—the simple running and scalding. Different Practitioners have different modes of practice; some have a great aversion to Injections, and would not use them were the disease never to disappear; others, again, use nothing but Injections, proper or improper, at all times and seasons, and of one strength for every symptom of disease; which is just as improperly the reverse.—I see nothing injudicious in the use of an Injection, varied according to the case:—for instance, when there is a scalding of urine, by no means use an Injection made of white vitriol; (Vitriol being of that stimulating and inflammatory nature, would rather increase than abate the heating symptom). And here it is, that improper Injections are used at improper times, by applying inflammatory in-

gredients to the already increased inflammation, and thereby causing swelled Testicles, Strictures, &c. But take a half-pint bottle of Rose-water, and put into it 16 grains of the Sugar of Lead; this may be used twice or three times a day, until the heat is totally abated, taking at the same time two grains of Calomel every night in a pill, and drinking after it every morning a wine glass full of the solution of Epsom Salts, made in the proportion of one ounce to a pint of water.—By this simple treatment I make not the least doubt but the symptoms will be more favourable in the course of a few days. The Diet during this proceeding may be the same as in the best state of health, only avoiding Spirituous Liquors, and high-seasoned meat: it is not requisite to sink into that low state of living that is in general prescribed, the harm under that regimen is greater than the good that is produced, by reducing the Individual into a debilitated state,

and thereby encouraging a most obstinate Gleet. Diluent liquors may be freely drank, such as Linseed Tea, Whey and the like: this may have a beneficial effect, not declining in the least the regular daily food.

If from what has been thus recommended, the disease carries a favourable appearance, and diminishes both in the scalding and discharge, the patient may still continue taking the medicines as prescribed, but let an alteration be made in the strength of the Injection; instead of 16 grains of Sugar of Lead, put 24 grains to the half-pint of Rose-water; let this be continued for a few days longer, declining further increase while any appearance of heat is remaining. In the generality of cases which have come under my care, I have found the scalding of urine to cease long before any diminution of discharge, and, indeed, it is the most desirable object to be at-

tained, from the violent pain that it frequently occasions.—If a scalding is of that violent nature, almost intolerable, and the Injection of Sugar of Lead does not procure its abatement, let one be used consisting of the Extract of Lead thirty drops, Rose-water half a pint, which never fails in alleviating the symptom ;—On the other hand, if the Sugar of Lead Injection produces the effect of reducing the hot sensation, it is the more to be preferred, since it acts at the same time as a slight stimulus upon the discharge, and thereby lends its assistance in producing a reduction of that also.—Upon the presumption that under this mode of treatment, the scalding is entirely abated, and no other symptom than a simple discharge remaining, an anxious mind looks very intently for the declining state of this symptom likewise, which is most effectually accomplished by care and cautious treatment.—It is most egregiously wrong

to attempt to effect a termination of this stage of the disease before due time—evil consequences are generally the result of such attempts.—Indeed—it is only a suspended state, while other Disorders are raging; and at the same time greatly weakening the Individual.—When there is reason to conclude that every symptom of an inflammatory nature has totally disappeared, an Injection may then be used, consisting of 12 grains of Sugar of Lead, 12 grains of White Vitriol, mixed in half a pint of Rose Water; the Patient drinking plentifully at the same time of any diluent Liquor, which, in a simple running, will be more beneficial than the perpetual use of purgative Medicine.—A short space of time devoted to this method of treating a simple Clap, will generally effect its permanent cure.

Of the Chordee.

IT frequently occurs in the first stage of the Disease, in people of a warm constitution, that troublesome erections take place, more especially in the night, caused from the idea of venery, and also from the titilation that is made in the Urinary passage by the virulence of the discharge.—This is generally called a Chordee.—By a little attention relief is easily obtained: from ten to twenty drops of Laudanum may be taken every evening in a wine glass of water, while any sensation whatever of this symptom remains.—Or by an external application, which will sometimes have a better effect in molifying the symptoms, and by that means avoid the use of Laudanum internally, which occasionally produces

unpleasant sensations in the Head, &c. Take Extract of Lead, Tincture of Opium, of each fifteen drops, Spermaceti Ointment, two drams, mix them well together, and apply a little round the end of the Penis every night.—From what has been said hitherto, none but simple remedies are required, as I have not yet entered into any thing of a complicated nature.

Of the Phymosis.

IT is by no means an uncommon occurrence in the first stage of the Clap, when of a virulent nature, and attacking an individual of sanguineous temperament, who has also been accustomed to good living, to have what is termed a Phymosis accompanying the other symptoms, that is, when

the Prepuce or external Skin of the Penis is brought over the Nut, and swelled to that degree it cannot be returned ;—In this dilemma a cooling Lotion must instantly be made use of, consisting of sixty drops of the Extract of Lead, to half a pint of Rose Water. A piece of Linen Cloth kept constantly wet with the wash, and applied to the swelling ; warm milk and water put into a vessel of any description, and the Penis dipped into it frequently in the course of the day for ten or fifteen minutes each time, prove generally an excellent emollient in softening and assisting in the reduction of the part ;—In obstinate cases it is necessary to pursue this treatment for some time before any change is discernible, even then doubt remains as to effecting it ;—In cases of this sort, Leeches must be resorted to, four or six may be applied, according to the size ; a day or two afterwards, if the reduction is not obtained, the Penis may

receive a second visit from the Leeches ; which will certainly be sufficient to abate the inflammation ; but if after the inflammation is abated, a return of the Prepuce cannot be made, a slight division must take place ;——But the circumstances are very rare, when this proceeding is necessary.

Of the Paraphymosis.

A DISEASE much of the same nature as the one just spoken of, but opposite in its situation will sometimes appear ; it is termed, Paraphymosis—the reverse to Phymosis, by the Prepuce being behind the Nut of the Penis, and inflamed to that degree that it cannot be brought forward—The same mode of treatment is here necessary as in the latter case : cooling and

emollient lotions must be industriously applied, omitting the application of Leeches, the cause scarcely ever arising from the influx of blood, but from the rank and corrupt state of the purulent discharge, which, adhering to the surface of the Penis, by its peculiar tendency irritates and produces these troublesome symptoms. When of that obstinate nature as to bid defiance to mild and gentle treatment, recourse must be had to a slight Incision made upon each side of the inflamed part, merely sufficient to give liberty to the strictured Integuments. When accomplished, a small Bread and Milk Poultice may be applied while any thickened appearance remains, after which a little simple ointment, to dress the sore.

Of the Gleet.

IN the complicated cases before mentioned, it is not always convenient to pay strict attention to every circumstance which intervenes, something generally undergoes a neglect ;— While great attention is perhaps paid to the latter occurrences, very often the Gonorrhœa is making an increase for want of regular care. Either from this neglect, or sometimes from natural weakness of the Constitution, the virulent Clap, lingeringly changes into a clear pale coloured discharge, called Gleet.—The case now requires entirely a different treatment— Instead of Medicines of a relaxing tendency, those of a tonic and strengthening must be substituted.

With respect to Injecting in this case, I am confident it is useful, though perhaps not the

principal remedy to be depended upon.—I respectfully beg to state, that I by no means wish to influence the opinion of any Medical Practitioner, I am speaking purely from what I have experienced in my own practice,—Here is the misleading point,—it is not Sugar of Lead, or White Vitriol, that will in this case prove of any effect; and for this reason,—The qualities of Lead act only as an abater of inflammation, and have not sufficient power of stimulus to act upon the discharge of Gleet;—Vitriol, precisely opposite, being of so stimulant a nature, cannot be used in sufficient quantity to have any effect, without exciting too great a degree of inflammation.

An Injection is here required of a strong sedative Ingredient, producing its effect upon the superfluous humour, without endangering, by inflammatory symptoms, the Urinary passage.

The Corrosive Sublimate is the only Chemical preparation I have ever found to afford any substantial relief. Used in a careful manner, I have no hesitation in saying it will, with the assistance of proper Medicine, completely overpower, and cause a total cessation of the Disease;—The proper mode of forming the Prescription, is the following :—the Solution of Corrosive Sublimate (which is generally kept in proper proportion) half an ounce, Rose Water half a pint, shake them well together; in this state the Liquid may be injected twice or three times a day, using one or two syringes-full at each time, regularly proceeding until the whole of this quantity is consumed.—In cases of a slight affection, this Formula, without any increase, will produce a good effect—even perform the cure; but I mean to state the strongest proportion I have ever found occasion to make use of:—Should little or no alteration be perceptible, nor any unpleasant sensation

be felt in the Urinary passage from its use, an increase may then be ventured upon, of three quarters of an ounce of the Solution, to half a pint of Rose Water, using this in the same manner as the former:—if any itchy sensation or pain in the Urethra is produced by this proportion, a further increase had better be declined until the result of the present proportion is obtained, which may be known in a few days;—If it causes a declining state of the discharge without any sensible degree of pain, no doubt need remain as to its answering the purpose intended,—if, on the other hand, no impression is made upon the Urethra, nor any reduction in the Gleet, a further increase may be made, of one ounce of the Solution, to half a pint of Rose Water, which I have frequently had occasion to use:—

When an Individual has been regular and persevering in this mode of proceeding, no fear need be entertained of permanently succeed-

ing in a happy result.—I would here recommend no further addition of the Solution to be made use of by any Individuals acting from themselves,——the case must be extremely obstinate if even the last proportion has occasion to be resorted to.

Various are the Medicines in this case made use of ; but as I mean in this Treatise to be precise, and to the point at once, I shall not trouble those who may think the perusal of it worth their consideration, with all that are in use, but shall confine myself to what I consider the most eligible and most convenient.

When an Individual is of good habit of body, and plentifully supplied with the rich juice of life, restoratives alone, by invigorating afresh the whole nervous system, and throwing upon the

blooming frame a universal brace,—excluding from the mind that galling anxiety,——that perpetual wearying companion which makes life burdensome,——always ready with its most unwelcome attendance in every guilty cause,——setting at defiance these ghastly symptoms, and a Heart cheered up with the firm determination of conquering the obstinate poison, may happily obtain the desired object.

A tea-spoonfull of the Powder of Bark may be taken twice a day, mixed in a glass of Port Wine,—where it occurs that Wine has not been in regular use, the inflammatory qualities being too great, Milk may be substituted. When an Individual is so situated that he cannot, from his occupation, be regular in this mode of administering it, one ounce of the Extract of Bark may be procured, made into eight dozen of Pills, three of which must be taken twice a day. With

every constitution Bark will not agree—it produces upon some, a constipated state of the bowels, upon others, too great relaxation,—if either of these circumstances occur, the following is a most excellent prescription, in many respects to be preferred.

Sulphate of Iron One Scruple

Gum Olibanum,

Extract of Gentian,

Gum Myrrh, each One Dram,

Balsam Capivi, sufficient to make the Mass
into forty-eight Pills, three of which may
be taken twice a day.

If an Individual is of weak Constitution, and considerably deficient in the vital juice,—a moderate portion of steel should be taken, in addition to what is before recommended ;—that convenient preparation, Steel Wine, is perhaps

the most advantageous mode of administering the Medicine ; the quantity of two tea-spoonfuls, increasing gradually to four, may be taken twice a day in a wine glass of water.—By industrious and persevering care in following these directions, no Individual has occasion to tremble, or give one melancholy sigh in despair.

Of Inflamed Testicles.

IT is inferred that by a strict adherence to this progressive treatment of the Venereal Disease, no symptoms of an unpleasant tendency will ensue. From imprudent endeavours, by the means of strong Injections in the first stage

of the Gonorrhœa, to procure, by force, an abolition of the discharge, inflammation of the Testicles are often produced,——a suspension in the use of Injection is then necessary, fomentations of warm water, and with Camomile Flowers, must be immediately applied, with as great a degree of heat as the parts will bear:—If the reduction is not obtained, Leeches must be resorted to, the number of six or eight daily, until it is brought to the natural size,—a Bag Truss should then be worn for its care and support.——These are merely observations when this dilemma occurs.—If due attention is paid to the gradual increase in the strength of Injections, according to the abatement of heat in the Urinary passage,——also the same attention in the decrease of strength in the Injection, according to increase of heat——If these circumstances are closely observed,—the Testicles will never inflame.

Here I have terminated the subject in the local state : Constitutional Affections are the next to be proceeded upon——In the present day they are distinguished by the names of Chancres and Buboës.

Of the Chancre.

A CHANCRE may be known by a sore making its appearance generally behind the Nut of the Penis, under the Fore Skin, frequently upon the Frœnum ; and care will here be required in healing the Chancre, without destroying that useful integument.——So various are the ways of treating this stage of the Disease, and so ably has it been laid down by Men of eminence, that I fear this part of the Treatise will, by many persons, be slightly estimated ;——but far

is it from my thoughts to give instructions to Individuals of that Quality,——I simply mean to act as a safe-guard to the diffident,——to preserve the full vigour of the Constitution,——and to prevent the fatal effects that are caused from the Disease remaining in a neglected state——the results of which are greatly manifested in numerous examples, by the embittered remaining years of this melancholy life.

On the discovery of the Chancre; the greatest cleanliness must be observed, by washing the surrounding surface frequently with warm Milk and Water, to prevent any issue from the sore lodging in the neighbouring parts, the neglect of which often produces other Chancres.

The following Ointment may be relied upon to answer every purpose as an external applica-

tion :—Red Precipitate finely levigated, 5 grains, Spermaceti Ointment, half an ounce, mixed well together,—a small portion spread upon a little Lint, and the sore dressed twice a day.—If the surface of the Chancre shows any symptoms of rising, with a sign of superfluous excrescence, commonly called proud flesh, let a little Blue Vitriol be immediately applied.—In the local and external treatment no other variety is required, as the cure of the Disease does not rest upon this point, but upon the Constitutional Remedies.

Mercury, the only sure antidote to this poisonous disorder, is now to be taken into consideration in respect to its most effectual and convenient mode of application ; also the quantity necessary to be consumed, to ensure the total eradication of the disorder.

Certainly the mercurial effect excited in the Human Body by friction, is the surest method of proceeding,—in order to which,—one dram of the strong Mercurial Ointment must be rubbed in the inside of the thighs every night, until the whole is absorbed each time of application—this may be continued for a fortnight : If, during its use, an effect is produced upon the Mouth, no further increase of the Ointment is necessary ;—proceeding in the present proportion about six or eight weeks, is generally sufficient to destroy the Virus ;——On the reverse, if no soreness is felt in the Mouth, nor any perceptible effect,—the next proportion may be—one dram and a half of the Ointment, introduced at the same number of times ; if this likewise fails, then increase the proportion to two drams ; rubbed in as before prescribed, which will certainly provoke an affection upon the Teeth.—When Individuals are

so constitutionally strong, as to require this quantity, it must certainly be kept in perpetual use for two months, to ensure the total eradication of the poison.

It is by no means uncommon for the Venereal Disease to make its appearance in the compound state,—Chancre accompanying Gonorrhœa ;—it may appear difficult, and require the utmost resolution in venturing upon the process necessary in this complicated case.—An Injection may be used, as is specified in the first instance of this symptom, according to the degree of inflammation ;—declining the alterative course of Medicine as there prescribed ; the latter application must naturally take the precedence.—When Individuals are so situated, as that their occupation will not permit them the convenience of using the Mercurial preparation in the form of Oint-

ment,—it must then be administered internally to an extent which is calculated to promote the same effect, proceeding thus :—

One Ounce of the Mercurial Mass divided into six dozen Pills, two of which must be taken every night for the space of ten days, making then an increase of two more in the morning.—Individuals of delicate constitutions will speedily experience the unpleasant sensation they produce, soreness of the Gums, foetid Breath, &c.—If such is perceived, a further increase is not required, continuing four Pills daily, for six, eight, or ten weeks, according as the case requires,——on the contrary, if no symptoms of the sort are perceived, one, or even two Pills more may be added every night and morning.

From the necessity of taking Mercury internally, relaxation of the Bowels is often excited,

which throws off the Medicine before it has taken the proper effect ;——to prevent which, from the eighth to the fourth part of a grain of Opium may be mixed in each pill, or even half a grain, if requisite——It may be expected that in the space of time here stated for taking the necessary quantity, every external sore will have disappeared ;—perfect safety cannot be ensured until this is accomplished.

Of the Bubo.

A BUBO is distinguished by the appearance of a painful swelling in the Groin.—Protuberances of various kinds often give vent in that situation ; as Rupture, common Abscess, &c.

but I will here endeavour to obviate the difficulty by distinguishing one from another.

A Rupture, in the first instance, has the similitude and form of a Bubo; gives little or no pain, becomes bigger or less, according to circumstances: violent coughing will increase the size considerably; it may be known by laying the hand on the part.—When in bed—the swelling will go completely down, and immediately on rising will probably re-appear.—The symptoms of a Bubo are widely different:—it is extremely painful when handled, becomes gradually larger, and the fluctuation of matter may soon be perceived.—Suspensions of Bubo often arise from nothing more than a common sprain, causing stiffness in the part; and which, for the want of timely aid, will gradually terminate in a regular Abscess; thereby raising a doubt in the mind as to its identity; as the Venereal

Disease will occasionally be detected by the production of a Bubo alone.

A Bubo is generally slower in the formation of matter than a common Abscess; the discharge it emits is mostly of a green or yellow cast; that of a common Abscess nearly white.—So long does the Venereal taint remain in the human body, when the symptoms are thus cast forth, that one, two, or three months will sometimes expire before a discovery is made.

To guard against other affections which this lingering state of the disease may produce——alterative Mercury (two or three grains of Calomel every night), had better be commenced upon, until the certainty is established—which being obtained,—the regular course can then be proceeded in, either externally, or internally, as may be most suitable.

The local treatment of the Bubo is much the same as a regular Abscess: absorption in the first instance would be the easiest mode of dispersing it.—The following Wash must be constantly in use;—Extract of Lead two drams, Rose Water one pint, to be applied with linen cloth upon the part, which must be perpetually kept damp for several days.—If the Bubo increases in size, four or six Leeches may then be applied; should they prove equally useless,—suppuration must then be encouraged by Poultices, consisting of Bread and Milk, well boiled, changing them twice or three times a day, by which means the Bubo will soon be brought to a state of maturity.—When the Abscess has broken, the Poultice will be necessary, until the whole contents are emitted.—Any simple ointment will answer the purpose of dressing the sore.

On Venereal Warts.

RELICS of the Venereal Disease are often left behind in the form of Warts, which rise upon and completely surround the Penis.—What precisely may be the cause of these superfluous excrescences, perhaps, cannot minutely be described ;—but I conclude they are produced from the virulence of Venereal matter, which has left that peculiar affection upon the part.—Little it matters what is the real cause: the question is,—what will destroy the Fungus ?—Of many applications that I have tried, the Lunar Cautic is the most effectual—by perpetual application and perseverance this will totally eradi-

cate them.—The following Case will, I presume, justify the practice I recommend:—

A Gentleman was recommended to apply for my assistance in a common Venereal case.—When all symptoms of the Disease were gone, and he was considered perfectly well, some Warts made their appearance on the Nut of the Penis; they gradually increased their size until he thought it was necessary to apply for relief.—I first applied a little Savine Powder, and repeated it every day: It seemingly acted with repulsion in the first instance; but, ultimately, I found it of no effect.—I then made use of the Lunar Caustic, which very soon made an impression upon them; however, they returned, with one or two more in addition. Again I repeated the Caustic, and a second time dispersed them; again they made their appearance, very extensively, yet the Caustic was applied almost daily:

still they kept rising, seemingly with double force, until they got to an alarming size, completely surrounding the whole of the Penis.— Being determined to put an end to them, I continued regularly every day using the Caustic in abundance: it was applied to that degree, the Individual could scarcely walk for pain.— This proceeding went on for about six months, the Caustic being daily applied; at the end of which time they were as obstinate and large as ever. I now began absolutely to despair of accomplishing their ultimate destruction; and which, if ever accomplished, I was fully convinced the Frœnum would be lost.—The Penis being now in a dreadful state, from the profusion of Warts and the mangled appearance the Caustic had made, we came to a conclusion that he should take the opinion of a Surgeon of eminence; who had the whole case related: he wished him to try the effect of Blue Stone Vitriol, which he

did, but to no purpose. The Caustic was again resorted to, and daily applied ; indeed, I should not have used it to such an extent, but the Individual being in that deplorable state he cared not for the result :——However, in about three months more, he was perfectly clear, and from the closest examination of the Penis, it was impossible to perceive that a Wart had been there ; and this was effected without injuring the Frœnum in the least degree.——To this Gentleman the Author has permission to refer any Individual enquirer.

Of the Treatment required in the
 Local Affection
 Relative to the Female Sex.

I MUST now enter upon that distinct process relative to the peculiar treatment that is required for Females in this disorder.

It is a lamentable circumstance, to witness the most elegant of the Fair Sex in that situation of life, of all others the least enviable, which perpetually subjects them to a Disease,
 That casts upon their lovely countenance
 A deep stain'd blush, never to be effac'd!

But when the virtuous path, ceases to uphold
 The foot of fair Virginity; Nature's track is broke;
 Becomes abandon'd, given to all the viciousness
 of crime

The World produces; " Ah, that I could reclaim
 My once unbroken treasure,—for ever lost!
 Not all the shining gold, the whole world's produce,
 Should raise temptation in my guilty breast
 To do the act again."

But to hold out the Song of moralization upon
 a subject of this nature, may appear in this
 place superfluous—These pages being appro-
 priated to a different object, namely,—that of
 rectifying the Human frame, and of casting
 from it the bodily evil under which it labours,
 from following a certain course of life—
 and to accomplish such, in a manner the most
 conducive to the effectual relief of Female In-
 dividuals, is now the subject of our attention—

also the most soothing manner of treating a disease when delicacy is an essential point to be observed, is likewise an object of consideration.

—At the same time it will require great circumspection so as to leave no obstacle in the process.

The symptoms of *Gonorrhœa* in the Female, are much upon the same principle as in the Male Sex, excepting that no uncertainty is left in the mind of the Female as in the Male; when a sensation of scalding is felt by the Female, certainty is established of infection having taken place:—Here it would be well to check the disease in the first stage, by taking a Pill consisting of five grains of Calomel at going to rest, with half an ounce of dissolved Epsom Salts on the following morning, drinking plentifully at the same time of diluent liquors, as Linseed

tea, &c.;—if the scalding by this treatment is abated, and no other symptoms are apparent, no more is requisite than a repetition of the same Medicine occasionally ;—if, on the contrary, a discharge of a green or yellow cast follow, one or two grains of Calomel every night may be continued, with a wine-glass full of the Solution of Epsom Salts every morning, made in the proportion of one ounce to a pint of water.—A Female will bear an Injection of considerably greater astringency than a Male ;—from the construction of these parts in the Fair Sex, there is no attendant fear of producing those diseases which are so much dreaded in the Male,—from this circumstance, the Gonorrhœa in the Female is a trifling affection.—It is particularly forbidding to Females of a delicate mind, placed in any situation whatever, to be under the necessity of suffering their Persons to be surveyed

by another Individual, more so when circumstances of a galling nature have been the forerunner and cause of producing this unpleasant malady, which causes the most deplorable anxiety also from the supposition of its being obtained sometimes by partial consent on their part—The following is a proper Injection to be used by a Female in the present symptoms:—Twenty grains of White Vitriol put into half a pint of Rose Water, to be used twice or three times a day, with a proper Syringe—If this proportion of Vitriol produce no increase of heat in the urine, a greater degree of stimulus may then be ventured upon, by an Injection consisting of White Vitriol thirty grains, Rose Water half a pint,—with this proportion of Vitriol a simple Gonorrhœa will, in a short space of time, be brought to a crisis.

The command that we have in the treatment of this disease in the Female Sex is considerably greater than the Male; there not being that variety of symptoms to guard against, the proceeding becomes less complicated in the explanation, and may be summed up with brevity.

Of the Treatment required in the
Constitutional Affection
Relative to the Female Sex.

CHANCRES in the Female are found in various situations, mostly internally, which always may be known from the peculiarity of the sore—the entrance of the passage into the Womb is most frequently their place of abode, being there seated, the inspection of them by the Eye is easily obtained, which is occasionally necessary to observe their progress in healing—when their situation is out of sight, the portion

of Mercury that is consumed must be relied on for the thorough eradication of the disease.

Mercury may be used externally or taken internally, upon the same principle as in the Male Sex, as it generally requires the same length of time to effect a complete cure.—For females of more delicate constitutions than others the first proportion will be quite sufficient to effect the purpose—dividing one ounce of Mercurial Ointment into eight parts, one of which must be rubbed between the thighs every night, until the whole is absorbed—if this fail in producing an affection in the Mouth, the quantity may then be increased as for the Male Sex.—When the internal administration of Mercury is preferred, the quantity of Pills may be regulated in the like manner,—frequently a Female is perplexed with the presence of a Chancre during the time

of Gonorrhœa,—In such cases it will then be necessary to decline the alterative medicines, as Mercury must naturally be substituted.——In this combined stage of the disease, in preference to the Injection of White Vitriol (Chancres being occasionally seated beyond the view of the Eye, in which case no dressing can possibly be applied),—the following Injection must be used, which possesses slight astringent qualities, and will likewise give the sores a disposition to heal——Calomel one dram, Lime Water half a pint, injected with a Syringe as the former——to Chancres externally situated, Precipitate Ointment as ordered for the Male Sex is a proper local application.——From the irritation that is caused by the sore of a Chancre, or probably from the action to which this part is subject, inflammation of the external Labia often ensues to an enormous extent, which must be reduced by fomentations and cooling Lotions,

such as extract of Lead, one dram ; Rose Water, one pint, to be applied with linen cloth.

The Bubo in the Female is in every respect similar to that in the Male Sex,—it may be known by the same symptoms, and distinguished from other Protuberances in the same manner.—Absorption, in the first instance, is the most agreeable mode of dispersing it, which must be attempted by sedative Lotions ; as Sugar of Lead, one dram, Rose Water, one pint, which must be industriously applied for a few days——if no alteration ensue, Leeches must be applied, to the number of six or eight.——Notwithstanding these applications, the Bubo will often come forward, and will be filled with matter until it acquires the size of an apple.——When this is apprehended, Poultices must be applied, and it must be brought to suppuration ; care must

be taken that no attempts are made to heal the abcess before the contents are properly thrown out ; in such a circumstance a second suppuration would be necessary,——when a Female is convinced of its total emptiness, the wound may be gradually healed with any simple Ointment—the use of Mercury is requisit euntil it is finally accomplished.

Warts in Females are frequently very numerous, sometimes covering the whole external Labia, and are of different sizes, sprouting to an enormous length.; destroying these by Ligature is the most agreeable mode of proceeding, tying a piece of silk round the lower part will work them off in a few days ; a little Lunar Caustic applied to the remainder will ultimately effect their destruction.

To individuals who have not been accustomed to the treatment of different cases here laid down, the object of cure will appear unattainable, from the dreadful idea of the poisonous nature of the disease, as also from the indolent state in which the various symptoms will sometimes, and indeed frequently remain.—From experience in the treatment, I am confident that by a persevering, temperate conduct, a radical cure may be effected.—By exciting uneasiness in the mind, and depriving the system of the common indulgencies that nature is accustomed to enjoy, the Constitution will often be brought to a reduced state, which must be invigorated by Restorative and Strengthening Medicines ;—the Compound Decoction of Sarsaparilla is in this case the most preferable, having a tendency to purify and cleanse the body from the Mercurial preparations.

I shall now conclude, trusting sincerely that no Individual will experience any difficulty in the full and precise comprehension of what is here stated, and that it will be the means of preventing many from the consequences produced by the neglectful treatment of this deplorable and everlasting malady, from the ignorance in which the Public remain as to the proper mode of proceeding during the first symptoms, which by judicious applications would be a simple affection.—— On the contrary, it is frequently transferred into one of the most complicated and troublesome disorders that infest the Human race.

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